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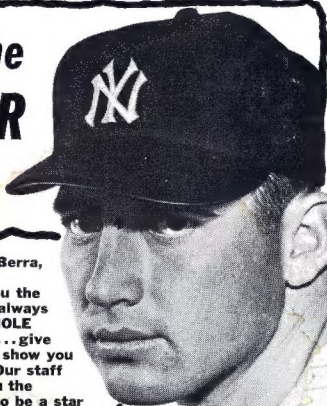
*"The **DINOSAUR**
in **TIMES SQUARE!**"*

PROFESSOR
BLORE'S LIFE-RAY
HAS BROUGHT
THAT PREHISTORIC
BEAST INTO
EXISTENCE--AND
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THEY WERE THREE HONEST, SUCCESSFUL MEN, WHO SUDDENLY FOUND THEMSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR A GIGANTIC, SINISTER HOAX! BUT HOW COULD SUCH A TRIO OF HOSTAGES PUT AN END TO...

the GREAT SPACE IMPERSONATIONS

THEY'RE GOING TO USE THE MASKS I CREATED TO COMMIT THREE FANTASTIC CRIMES! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!

IT'S NO USE, MANSE! WE MUST COOPERATE! WE HAVE NO CHOICE!



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A DRIVER IS GUIDING HIS CAR OVER A SILENT ROAD IN THE DENSE MOUNTAIN REGION, LISTENING INTENTLY TO HIS RADIO...

...THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MILITARY ANALYST PAUL BORDEN COMES ONLY 24 HOURS AFTER TOP F.B.I. AGENT WARREN KINCAID WAS REPORTED MISSING!

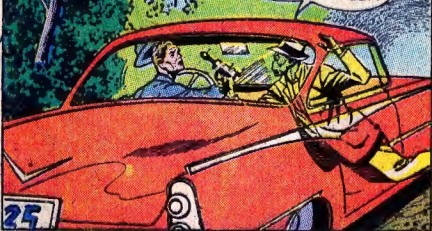
STRANGE! TWO IMPORTANT MEN VANISHING SO MYSTERIOUSLY... HMM, SOMEBODY'S SIGNALING FOR HELP AHEAD!



BUT EVEN BEFORE HE CAN BRAKE TO A STOP...

WHAT--? YOU--YOU'RE PASSING RIGHT THROUGH THE DOOR!

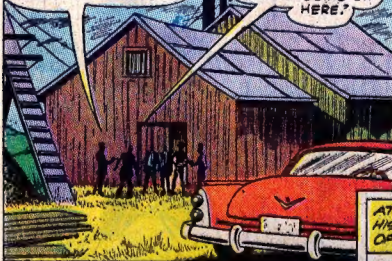
THAT IS NOT THE ONLY SURPRISE IN STORE FOR YOU! FOLLOW MY DIRECTIONS! WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO KEEP!



FOLLOWING THE COMPLICATED INSTRUCTIONS, THE MYSTIFIED MOTORIST SOON FINDS HIMSELF AT AN ABANDONED LUMBER MILL...

HERE ARE TWO MEN YOU MAY RECOGNIZE--

KINCAID AND BORDEN, THE MISSING PAIR! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?



IT'S SIMPLE ENOUGH! THESE THREE ALIEN THUGS SOMEHOW REACHED OUR PLANET AND--

--PLAN TO USE OUR KNOWLEDGE TO COMMIT THREE FANTASTIC CRIMES! FIRST, THEY'RE GOING TO STEAL THE VAN RYNE DIAMOND COLLECTION!



AT GUNPOINT, JOHN MANKE, WHO IS FAMOUS FOR HIS SCULPTURE, IS FORCED TO CREATE A MASK OF THE GANGSTER, AND SHORTLY...

THERE HE GOES--A DEAD RINGER FOR BAER! AND YOU GAVE HIM ALL THE INFORMATION HE'LL NEED TO PULL OFF THE JOB!

EASY, MANKE! I CAN'T TELL YOU NOW... BUT I MADE SURE HE'LL NEVER RETURN!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I READ IT WAS STOLEN BY "BULLETS" BAER MONTHS AGO!

YES, BUT KINCAID REVEALED SOME SECRET F.B.I. INFORMATION... THAT THE GANG IS MEETING TONIGHT TO DIVIDE THE LOOT! AND, WITH YOUR HELP, I'M GOING TO BE THERE--AS "BULLETS" BAER!





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AS A DISTANT CLOCK TOLLS MIDNIGHT, THE GANG CHIEF ARRIVES FOR HIS RENDEZVOUS...

WHO--WHO ARE YOU? YOU LOOK JUST LIKE ME! WHAT KIND OF GUN IS--UGH!... MY HEAD SPINNING... I'M PASSING OUT!

SLEEP WELL! WHEN YOU WAKE UP, YOU'LL BE SHORT A LOT OF MONEY!



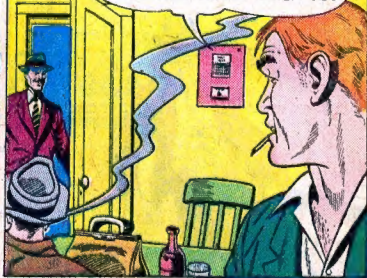
LOOK AT IT--A MILLION IN "ICE"! NOW, LET'S SPLIT IT LIKE WE PLANNED--HALF FOR YOU, "BULLETS" AND HALF FOR US!

NO! I CHANGED MY MIND--HAND IT ALL OVER!



THEN...

HERE'S THE BOSS--WE CAN GO AHEAD AND CUT UP THE "MELON"! ;YA, HA, AND WE WERE WORRIED THE F.B.I. MIGHT CATCH US!



WHY THE DOUBLCROSS? AND WHAT GOOD DO YOU THINK THAT GADGET IS GOING TO DO YOU?

WATCH!



YOU MEN WILL FLOAT DOWN WHEN THE BEAM WEAKENS, AND--WHAT'S THAT WHISTLE?

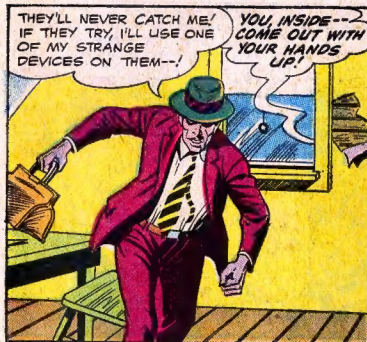
IT'S THE POLICE! WHO'S LAUGHING NOW? ;YA, HA, HA!



HA-HA-HA!

HEY--WE'RE--WE'RE GOING UP IN THE AIR! YOU'RE NOT "BULLETS"! WHO--WHO ARE YOU?





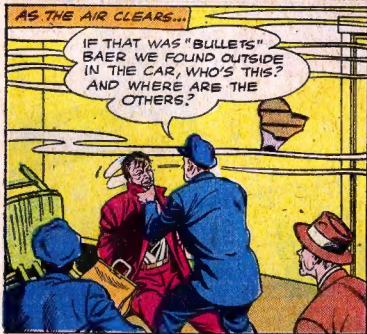
THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME!
IF THEY TRY, I'LL USE ONE
OF MY STRANGE
DEVICES ON THEM--!

YOU, INSIDE--
COME OUT WITH
YOUR HANDS
UP!



ABRUPTLY...

IT...IT'S SOME
KIND OF GAS? COUGH-
COUGH! MAKING MY
EYES FILL WITH
TEARS! ... CAN'T SEE
WHERE ... TO RUN...



AS THE AIR CLEARS...

IF THAT WAS "BULLETS"
BAER WE FOUND OUTSIDE
IN THE CAR, WHO'S THIS?
AND WHERE ARE THE
OTHERS?



TOO BAD
KINCAID ISN'T
HERE TO ENJOY
THIS! HE
PLANNED THE
RAID MONTHS
AGO!

THEY'RE
BEING HELD BY AN
ANTI-GRAVITY BEAM
OF SOME SORT! BUT
THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE THAT ON EARTH!
THIS IS INCREDIBLE!



LOOK--HE'S AN ALIEN.
I'VE GOT A HUNCH THIS
WHOLE THING IS
CONNECTED WITH
KINCAID'S DISAPPEARANCE!

IN THAT CASE, WE'LL
HAVE TO MAKE
SURE THE NEWS-
PAPERS DON'T
LEARN ABOUT
THIS! KINCAID'S
LIFE MAY DEPEND
ON IT!



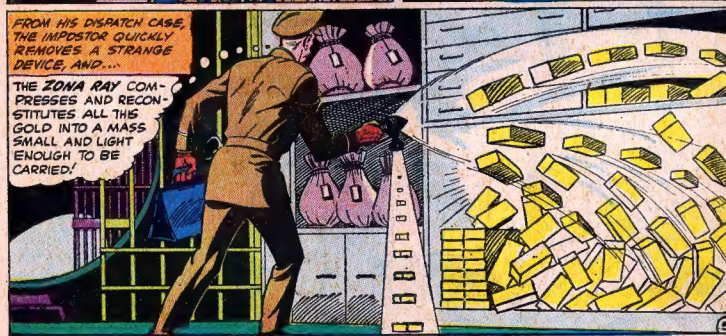
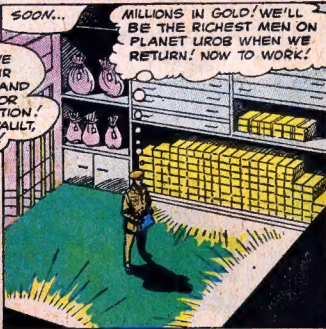
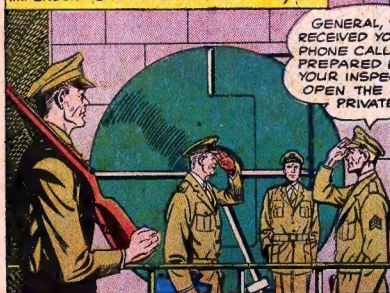
LATER, BACK AT THE MILL...

HE'S GONE SO LONG, SOME-
THING MUST'VE GONE WRONG!
BUT THAT WON'T STOP US!
WE'LL PUT INTO OPERATION
OUR NEXT PLAN--ROBBING
FORT DARBY!

HOW CAN YOU
DO THAT? THE
ARMY GUARDS
THE GOVERN-
MENT GOLD
DEPOSITED
THERE! NOBODY
CAN ENTER IT!



AFTER ABDUCTING THE GENERAL THE ALIEN IMPERSONATOR PROCEEDS WITH HIS PLAN...



THEN, A SECOND APPARATUS PERFORMS AN EQUALLY ASTOUNDING JOB...

SINCE THERE'S NO ROOM FOR IT IN MY CASE, THE ATOMIC-DUPPLICATOR SHAPES THE GOLD TO AN EXACT COPY OF THE GENERAL'S SERVICE PISTOL! THE GLEAM CAN BE REMOVED WITH A 'LITTLE DIRT!'



AFTER HIM, HE'S A PHONEY! I THOUGHT I WAS SEEING THINGS THE FIRST TIME!

GREAT GOZA! WHAT DID I DO WRONG?



LATER...

...WHAT THE STRANGE CRIMINAL FROM SPACE DID NOT REALIZE IS THAT EVEN A LEFT-HANDED GENERAL SALUTES WITH HIS RIGHT HAND!

NICE WORK, BORDEN! YOU TRICKED HIM BY TELLING HIM TO USE THAT LEFT HAND FOR EVERYTHING --INCLUDING THE SALUTE!



SWITCHING PISTOLS, THE ALIEN COMPLETES HIS FANTASTIC HOAX...

EVERYTHING IS IN TOP SHAPE! CARRY ON, SOLDIERS!



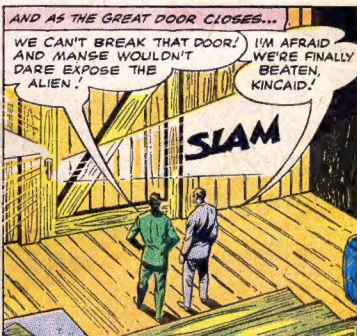
LOOK OUT! HE'S GOT THE DROP ON US...BUT HIS PISTOL ISN'T WORKING!

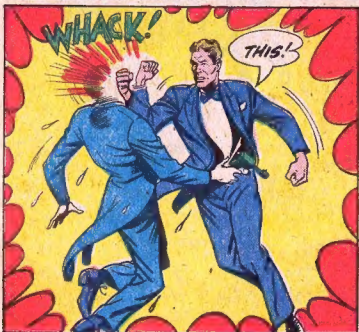
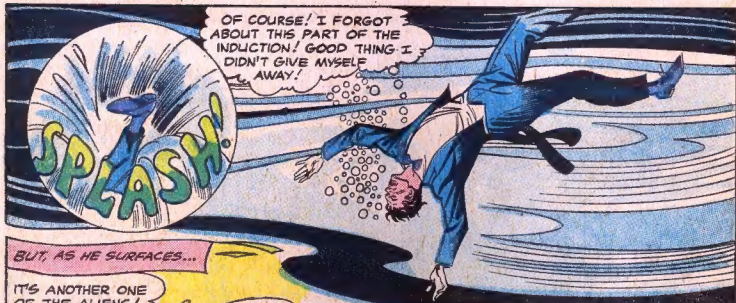
USELESS! THIS WEAPON IS WORTH MILLIONS--BUT IT CAN'T FIRE A SINGLE BULLET!



BUT THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE DOUBLE-CROSSING! YOU'RE COMING WITH ME, HANSE, TO THE DUNKERS CLUB, WHERE I'LL BE DISGUISED AS ROD ROBERTS, THE MOVIE STAR! I'LL TAKE THEIR VALUABLE TROPHY WHEN I'M BEING INDUCTED! AND IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG--!

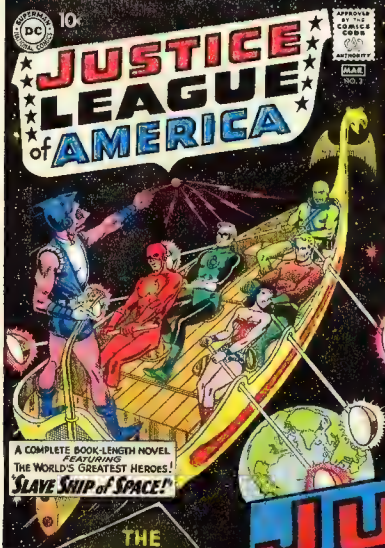






JUST IMAGINE!

THE MIGHTIEST HEROES
OF OUR TIME...



SUPERMAN!
BATMAN!
FLASH!
GREEN LANTERN!
WONDER WOMAN!
AQUAMAN!
J'ONN J'ONZZ--
MANHUNTER FROM MARS!

...HAVE BANDED
TOGETHER AS THE

**JUSTICE
LEAGUE
of AMERICA**

THE
THRILLING
EXPLOITS
OF THESE
FAMOUS
CHAMPIONS
APPEAR IN
THE NEW



MAGAZINE

TO STAMP OUT
THE FORCES OF EVIL
WHEREVER AND WHENEVER
THEY APPEAR!

ON SALE DEC. 22ND!

Our AMERICAN Heritage

DO YOU KNOW THESE AMERICAN HEROES AND HEROINES? (ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL)

THE QUAKER IMMIGRANT WHO FOUNDED PHILADELPHIA AS THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE AND KEPT ALIVE OUR HERITAGE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR ALL?

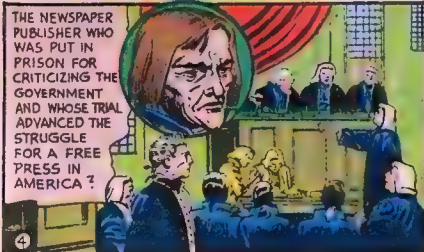


THE WRITER WHOSE WORDS OF FIRE IN A LITTLE PAMPHLET SPURRED THE FIRST AMERICAN ARMY TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM FROM ENGLAND?

THE WOMAN WHOSE POEM IN HONOR OF ALL WHO CAME TO AMERICA TO ESCAPE WARS AND POVERTY AND RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IS ENGRAVED ON A MEMORIAL TABLET ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY?



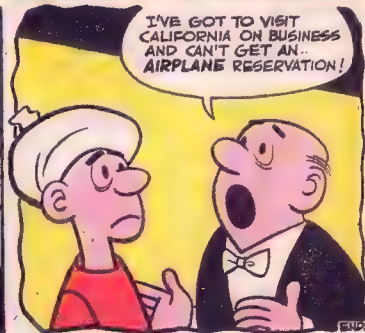
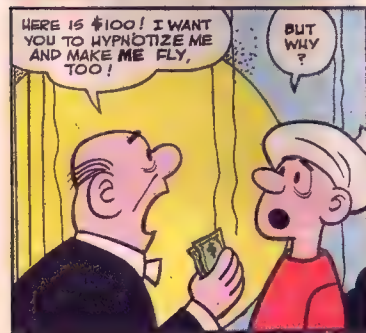
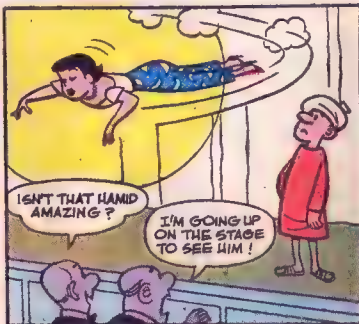
THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER WHO WAS PUT IN PRISON FOR CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT AND WHOSE TRIAL ADVANCED THE STRUGGLE FOR A FREE PRESS IN AMERICA?



THE NEGRO WOMAN WHO LED THOUSANDS OF HER PEOPLE OUT OF SLAVERY TO FREEDOM?



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| 1. WILLIAM PENN | 3. EMMA LAZARUS |
| 2. TOM PAINE | 4. JOHN PETER ZENGER |
| 5. HARRIET TUBMAN | |





OUT OF THE DIM, DARK AGES IT CAME...
A FIGURE OF AWESOME FOREBODING!
AND ITS MYSTERIOUS MISSION?...TO
DOOM ME! HERE, SET DOWN EXACTLY
AS THEY HAPPENED, ARE THE FEARSOME
FACTS BEHIND...

The Wizard's REVENGE

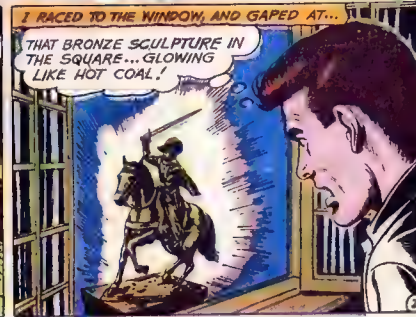
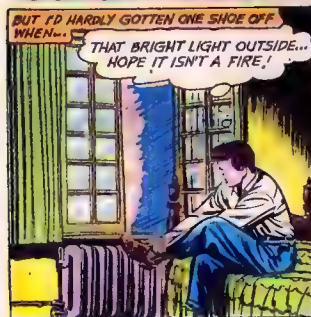
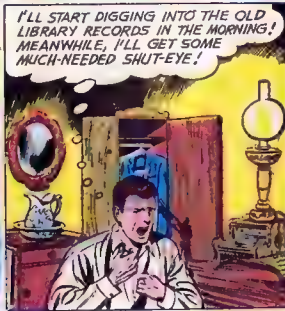
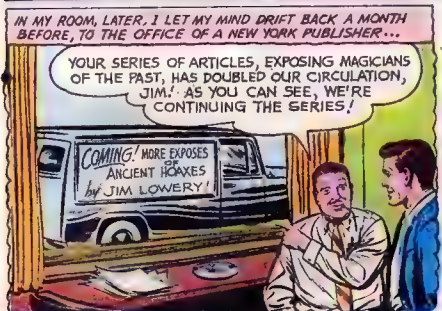
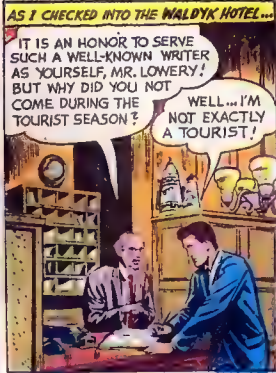
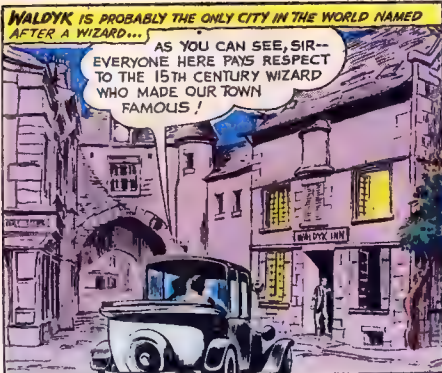
TH--THE ANCIENT
WIZARD--IN GIANT
FORM-- COMING
AT ME!

YOU SCOFFED
AT ME! NOW YOU
WILL PAY!



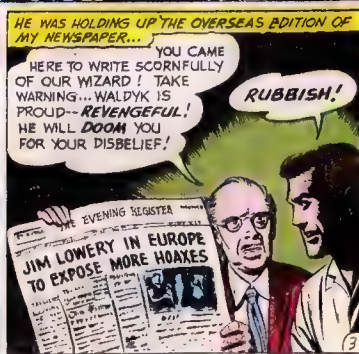
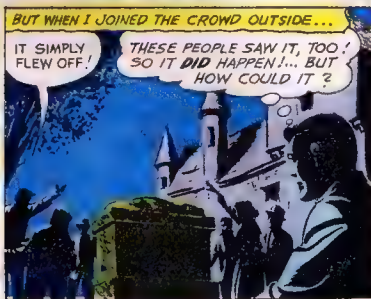


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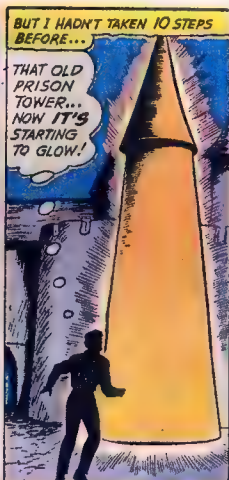




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YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF SUPERSTITIOUS FOOLS! IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE SHOWED UP YOUR PRECIOUS WIZARD AS A HOAX!



BUT I HADN'T TAKEN 10 STEPS BEFORE...

THAT OLD PRISON TOWER... NOW IT'S STARTING TO GLOW!



GREAT THUNDER! IT'S CHANGING INTO--INTO...



... A GIANT FIGURE OF THE ANCIENT WIZARD!

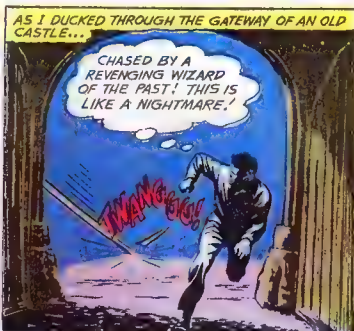


LONG, GROTESQUE ARMS SPRANG OUT, ONE OF THEM CLUTCHING A WAND...

ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW? FLEE! FLEE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

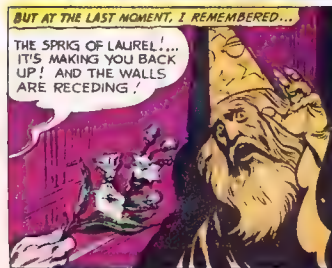


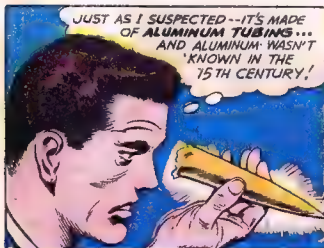
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JUST AS I SUSPECTED--IT'S MADE OF ALUMINUM TUBING... AND ALUMINUM WASN'T KNOWN IN THE 15TH CENTURY!



I TORE BACK TO THE CROWDED HOTEL LOBBY, WHERE... IT WAS ALL A HOAX... AND THE WHOLE TOWN WAS IN ON IT! ADMIT IT!

YES... IT'S TRUE!



"BEFORE YOU ARRIVED, WE REPLACED THE BRONZE STATUE WITH A GIANT BALLOON, ON WHICH WE PAINTED THE STATUE..."

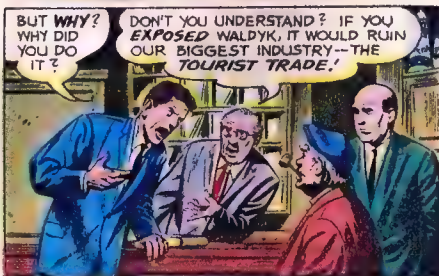
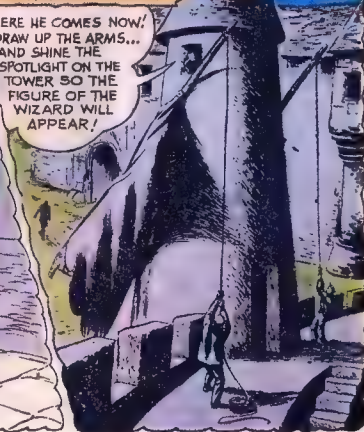


THE WRITER IS GLANCING OUT OF THE WINDOW! NOW TO CUT LOOSE THE BALLOON!



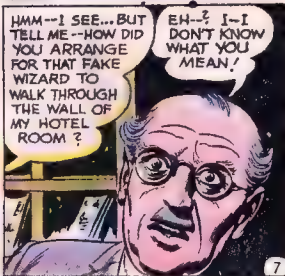
"AS FOR THE GIANT WIZARD FIGURE, IT WAS DRAWN ON THE TOWER WITH LUMINOUS PAINT--AND WE ADDED COLLAPSIBLE ARMS..."

HERE HE COMES NOW! DRAW UP THE ARMS... AND SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE TOWER SO THE FIGURE OF THE WIZARD WILL APPEAR!



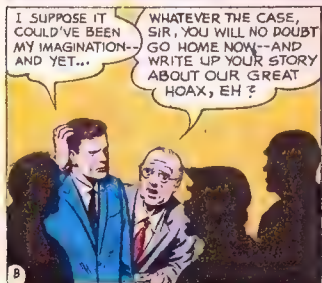
BUT WHY? WHY DID YOU DO IT?

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IF YOU EXPOSED WALDYK, IT WOULD RUIN OUR BIGGEST INDUSTRY--THE TOURIST TRADE!



HMM--I SEE... BUT TELL ME--HOW DID YOU ARRANGE FOR THAT FAKE WIZARD TO WALK THROUGH THE WALL OF MY HOTEL ROOM?

EH--? I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!



THE HAUNTED HILL

IT wasn't because of the violence of the storms which periodically struck Claymore County that made its few hundred inhabitants lock their doors and shutter their windows. The thing that struck fear into the hearts of all was the possibility of getting caught in the storm near Hadley's Hill.

They called it Hadley's Hill, because James Hadley was the first known man in history—over 150 years ago—to fall victim to its strange evil. He had been on the hillside when the sudden storm had turned day into night. There had been three witnesses, companions of Hadley, who were camping not far from the base of the hill, and who testified to the incredible incident that occurred.

They had called out to Hadley, to warn him of the coming storm. They had barely seen Hadley in the darkness, as he started to descend. Next instant, he was gone. And they did not find his body until several weeks later, in a patch of dense woods about a mile from the scene!

Yet, they knew that no human instrument had caused this fatal phenomenon.

Since then, no man, woman or child had approached the hill before or during a storm. But unwary animals *had*—and their bodies had been found in approximately the same place as Hadley's.

It takes a lot to scare a pilot who has flown more combat missions in World War II than he can remember. In fact, when I first heard the story of Hadley's Hill, I found myself watching the skies every morning for the first signs of storm clouds.

And in the ominous stillness of an approaching storm, one afternoon, I headed straight for the hill like a pointer. By the time I got close, the storm was really raging.

Despite my disbelief in the supernatural, I began walking the final fifty feet to the base

of the hill more slowly and on the alert for signs of anything unusual.

But, the closer I came, the more aware I became of a strange force that began gripping me more and more strongly.

The blackness of a starless night blanketed the area now, and only the periodic lightning flashes gave it instantaneous illumination.

I was inching forward now, and it wasn't the electricity of nearby grounded lightning bolts that made my hair stand on end, I confess.

The gripping force was fast becoming like a vise, and I could feel a fantastic tug from above. It was almost like walking on air, almost as if I had become weightless.

And yet, while this feeling persisted and even became stronger, I was determined to see it through to the end, to uncover the mystery of Haunted Hill.

I took a giant step forward, then had to grab hold of a boulder to keep myself from being swept upward.

Dare I go on? I had to, I told myself.

But, at that instant, there was a brilliant lightning flash, and in the dazzling illumination, I spotted it—a bird on the other side of the hill, just over the peak. I saw it just as it gave up the struggle and was swept down in a powerful downdraft.

That instantaneous sight told me everything, as it would have explained the whole mystery to any experienced pilot.

A violent *downdraft* of wind on one side of a hill usually signifies a violent *upsurge* of wind on the other side; and this can be powerful enough to hurtle a plane, let alone a man, a mile from the scene.

"Haunted Hill" was leveled not long after my discovery—but not because of any supernatural qualities.

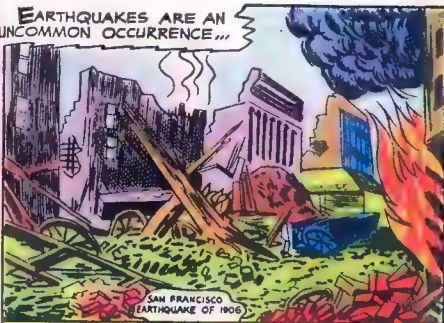


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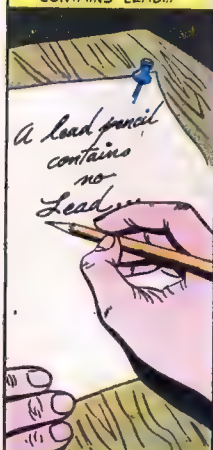
EARTHQUAKES ARE AN
UNCOMMON OCCURRENCE...



SAN FRANCISCO
EARTHQUAKE OF 1906

30,000 EARTHQUAKES ARE FELT EACH YEAR AND MANY MORE ARE RECORDED BY SEISMOGRAPHS. NO PLACE ON EARTH-- AND NO HOUR OF THE DAY-- IS COMPLETELY FREE OF THESE CONTINUOUS TREMORS.

A LEAD PENCIL
CONTAINS LEAD...



LEAD PENCIL IS A MISNOMER, FOR ITS WRITING ELEMENT IS COMPOSED OF GRAPHITE, A FORM OF CARBON. THERE IS NO LEAD WHATSOEVER IN A LEAD PENCIL.

GOATS CAN AND DO EAT
TIN CANS...



IT IS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR A GOAT TO EAT A TIN CAN. THE ERRONEOUS CONCEPTION AROSE FROM THE COMMON SIGHTS OF GOATS LICKING THE PAPER LABELS OFF TIN CANS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THEIR TASTY SALT AND GLUE.

WHEN A RISING OBJECT HAS
COMPLETED ITS ASCENT, IT
CAN BEGIN ITS DESCENT
WITHOUT FIRST COMING TO
A STOP...



EVEN A BULLET THAT IS FIRED DIRECTLY OVERHEAD MUST COME TO A STOP FOR AN INSTANT BEFORE IT CHANGES DIRECTION AND FALLS TOWARD EARTH.



THE TIME--1961...75 MILLION YEARS AFTER THE MIGHTY AND FEARSOME DINOSAURS ROAMED THE EARTH! THE PLACE--A MODERN METROPOLIS! PUT THEM TOGETHER, AND MARK MERLIN, SLEUTH OF THE SUPERNATURAL, PUZZLES OVER HIS MOST PERILOUS CASE WHEN HE DARES TO CHALLENGE...

the DINOSAUR IN TIMES SQUARE

A
MARK
MERLIN
MYSTERY



MARK! THE BEAST IS HEADING FOR THE CITY! YOU MUST STOP IT!

BUT HOW, ELSA--
HOW?



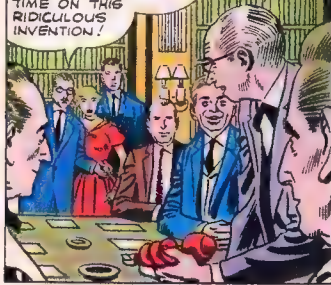
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AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE **SOCIETY OF SCIENTISTS**, MARK MERLIN, FAMED SLEUTH OF THE SUPERNATURAL, IS SUMMONED ON AN URGENT MISSION...

MR. MERLIN, AS AN OLD FRIEND OF PROFESSOR BLORE'S, PERHAPS YOU CAN PREVAIL UPON HIM TO STOP WASTING HIS TIME ON THIS RIDICULOUS INVENTION!

MY **LIFE-RAY** IS NOT RIDICULOUS!



"WHEN IT IS COMPLETED, I SHALL ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO IMPART LIFE TO INANIMATE FIGURES!..."



I'M AFRAID THE POOR MAN IS CRACKING UP FROM OVERWORK!

YES...I'LL SEE THAT HE GETS HOME. TAKE HIS ARM, ELSA!



AS THEY LEAVE **SCIENCE HALL**...

SAY, PROF--HOW ABOUT GIVING US THE LOWDOWN ON THAT NEW **LIFE-RAY** OF YOURS?

SORRY, GENTLEMEN--BUT PROFESSOR BLORE IS IN NO CONDITION TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS! HE'S LEAVING FOR A LONG REST!



THE MATTER IS SOON FORGOTTEN--UNTIL, SOME MONTHS LATER, IN MARK MERLIN'S OFFICE...

GOOD GRIEF, MARK!... LOOK AT THIS HEADLINE! WHAT IN THE WORLD IS **PREHISTORIC LAND**?

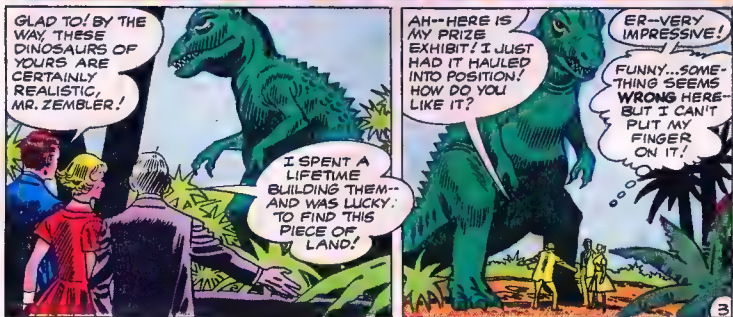
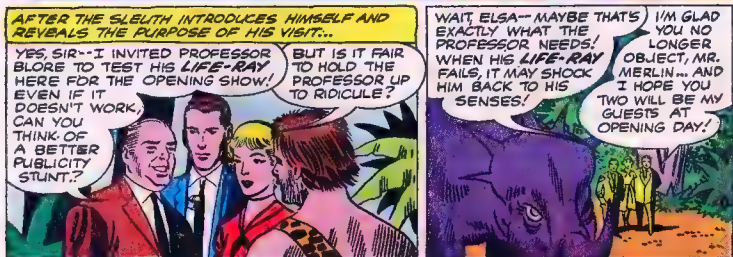
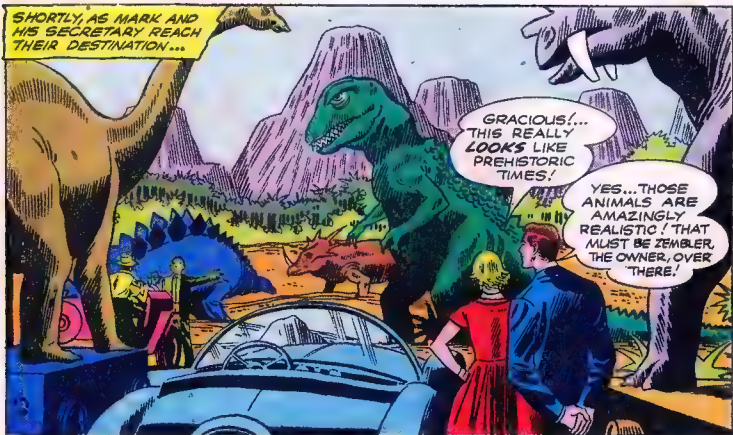
IT'S AN OPEN-AIR EXHIBIT PORTRAYING THE PREHISTORIC WORLD!



BUT WHY SHOULD THE OWNER LET PROFESSOR BLORE TEST HIS SILLY **LIFE-RAY** ON HIS EXHIBITS?

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I INTEND TO FIND OUT! COME ON, ELSA--WE'RE GOING TO **PREHISTORIC LAND**!





SOME DAYS LATER, AS HUGE CROWDS GATHER FOR THE GALA OPENING...

FOLKS--AS YOU READ, PROFESSOR BLORE WILL NOW TEST HIS AMAZING LIFE-RAY ON ONE OF THE PREHISTORIC BEASTS!

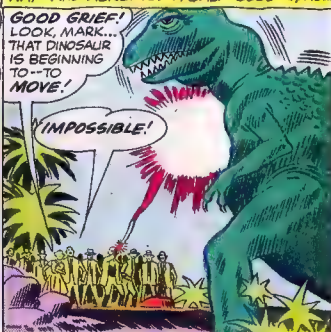
THE POOR MAN... HE'LL BE HEART-BROKEN WHEN HIS INVENTION FAILS! BUT--I SUPPOSE IT'S ALL FOR THE BEST!



THE CONFIDENT SCIENTIST TURNS ON THE RAY--AND ABRUPTLY A GASP GOES UP, AS--

GOOD GRIEF! LOOK, MARK... THAT DINOSAUR IS BEGINNING TO--TO MOVE!

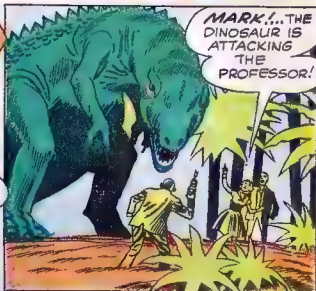
IMPOSSIBLE!



BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...



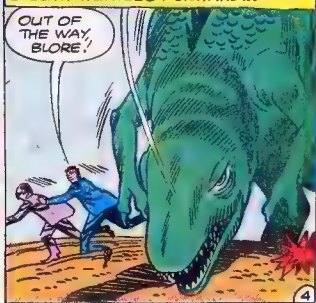
H-HE DID IT! HE BROUGHT IT TO LIFE!

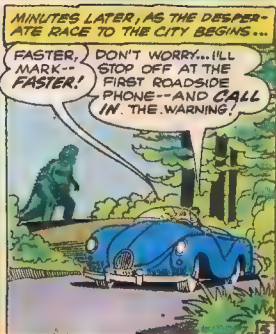
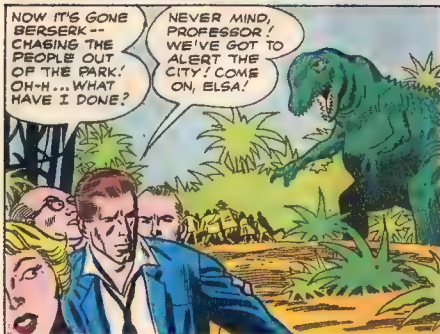
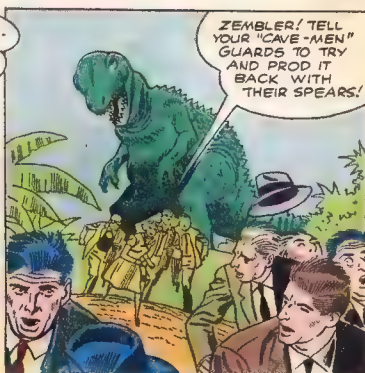


MARK!...THE DINOSAUR IS ATTACKING THE PROFESSOR!

WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, THE GALLANT SLEUTH HURTTLES FORWARD...

OUT OF THE WAY, BLORE!







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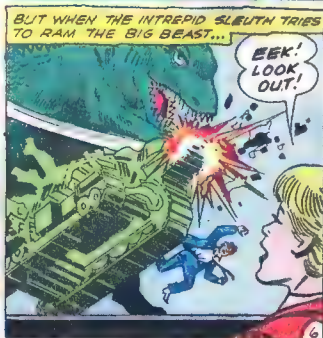
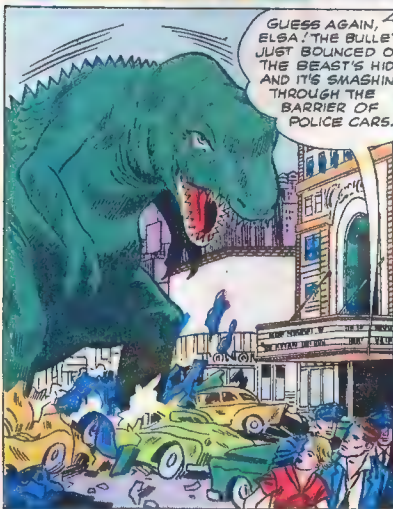


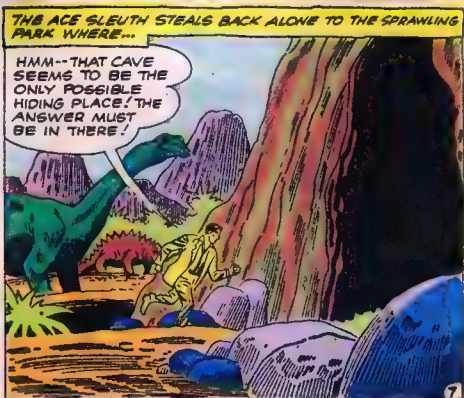
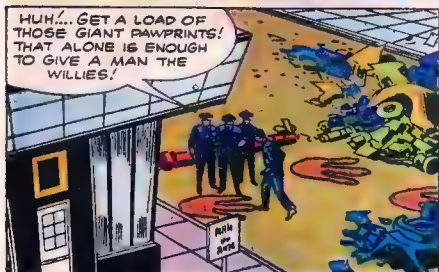
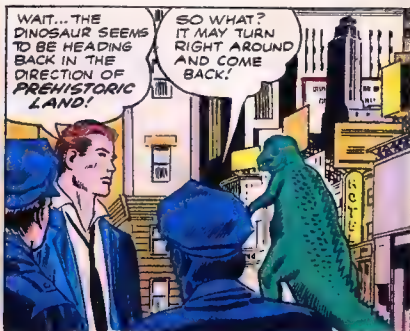
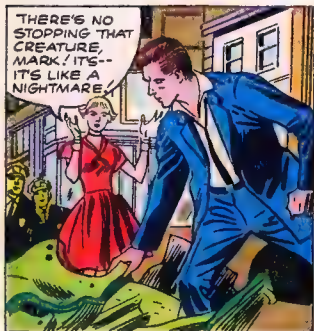
WITHIN MINUTES, SIRENS ECHO THROUGH THE CITY STREETS, AS...

ACCORDING TO MERLIN, THE DINOSAUR'S HEADING DOWN THIS WAY! OPEN FIRE AS SOON AS IT GETS WITHIN RANGE!



SOON, GUNS ARE LEVELED, AND...





SURE ENOUGH, AS MARK MERLIN SURREPTITIOUSLY SLIPS INTO THE CAVE...

I--I'VE DONE EVERYTHING YOU ASKED! NOW WILL YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE HIDING MY BROTHER?

NOT UNTIL THIS PARK IS PERMANENTLY DESTROYED!

NOW SHUT UP! IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR BUILDING THIS CRAZY PLACE WHILE WE WERE OVERSEAS BUYING UP BLACK MARKET GOLD!

SO--IT WAS ALL A HOAX TO KEEP THE AREA FREE FOR THEIR SMUGGLING RACKET! THAT CAVE MUST CONNECT WITH AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL TO THE COAST!

...AND THAT "DINOSAUR" IS ACTUALLY A FANTASTIC, ELECTRONICALLY-OPERATED ROBOT, REMOTE-CONTROLLED, WITH CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV TO DIRECT IT! THIS GADGET MUST BE THE PORTABLE CONTROL UNIT!

SUDDENLY...

BOSS!
THERE'S A SPY HERE!

WHAT--?
NAB HIM!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

YOU WON'T GET FAR ON THAT CART, MISTER!

EVEN AS HIS PURSUERS CLOSE IN ON HIM, MARK WORKS SWIFTLY ON THE CONTROLS, UNTIL...

I--I THINK I'VE SOLVED IT!

ABRUPTLY...



AFTER THE POLICE BARREL IN...

GREAT WORK, MERLIN--BUT WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF THAT THE DINOSAUR WAS MECHANICAL?

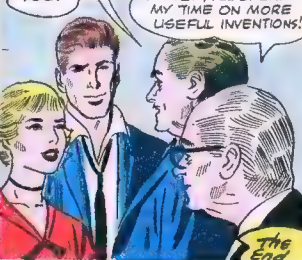
A CLUE THAT YOU REMINDED ME OF, LIEUTENANT! IT WAS SOMETHING THAT BOTHERED ME WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED AT PREHISTORIC LAND... THERE WERE PAW-PRINTS NEAR THAT

MODEL DINOSAUR--BEFORE PROFESSOR BLORE SUPPOSEDLY BROUGHT IT TO LIFE!



MR. MERLIN--MY BROTHER HAS BEEN RESCUED, THANKS TO YOU!

YES, MARK--AND YOU'VE BROUGHT ME BACK TO MY SENSES! HERE--AFTER, I'LL SPEND MY TIME ON MORE USEFUL INVENTIONS!



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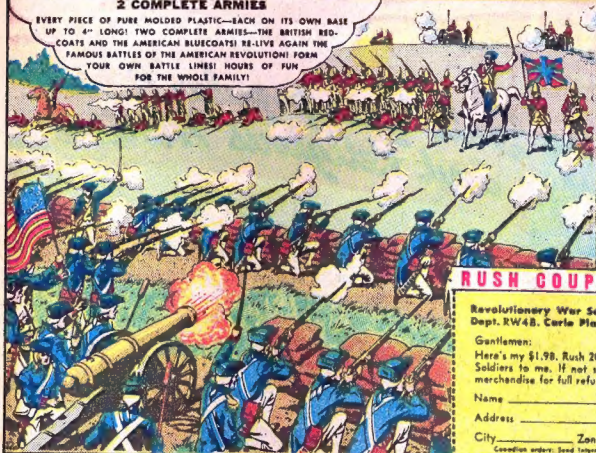
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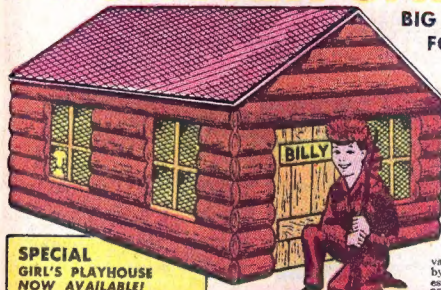
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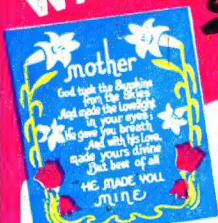
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